Radio Stamps
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Hello again, and welcome to the third edition of ***Radio Stamps*** in 1993. A special welcome, as always, if you're listening to the program for the first time. This is program 29, and I have two collecting tips today from Austria. I also have news for you from New Zealand about a special first day cover you can order for a recent radio stamp.

In a few months it will be time again for another **Radio Stamps** contest. I hope you've got a pencil ready now for some clues. During the past year I've featured a variety of radio stamps from **R**ussia, **A**scension Island, **D**ominican Republic, **I**ndia, and then, when I couldn't find a radio stamps country that started with **O,** I substituted the next letter in the alphabet and visited Peru. The stamps I featured on the last program of 1992 were from the **S**olomon Islands. To start off 1993, I dedicated the first **Radio Stamps** program to Radio St. Helena and the island nation of **St**. Helena. Last month I featured a commemorative postage stamp for Radio Tuvalu, from the Pacific nation of **T**uvalu. To complete this alphabetical puzzle, I'll be featuring radio stamps over the next few months from countries that start with **A**, **M** and **P**. Then it will be time for the next **Radio Stamps** contest.

Since the **Radio Stamps** program started in 1990, there have been 18 contest winners from 8 different countries around the world - Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Indonesia, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United States. The prizes I've given away, from my own collection, or provided by radio stations and individuals, include first day covers, stamp collections and T-shirts. I hope you'll be listening to the **Radio Stamps** program, here on HCJB, for clues in the next few months. I hope too that you'll enter the contest when it's announced in the summer.

Today we're visiting the European nation of **A**ustria. The first regular radio broadcasts in Austria started on October 1, 1924 in Vienna. Today you can enjoy broadcasts from Vienna on shortwave from Radio Austria International. The 40th anniversary of broadcasting in Austria was commemorated in 1964, on October the 1st, with one of my favourite radio stamps. The Scott catalogue number is 739 for this 1 schilling issue. The design, mainly in black and white, is the front panel of a radio receiver with push buttons for selecting the FM and shortwave bands that are shown. I like the simple design of this stamp with its symmetry. Above the radio, in red and black, at the center of radiating radio waves, is the older logo for the ORF, the Austrian broadcasting system. The dates 1924 and 1964 are in the upper corners of the stamp.

Although Radio Austria International has not yet been featured on a postage stamp, the ORF headquarters in Salzburg is illustrated on a 1974 stamp, issued on October 1st, for its 50th anniversary. This is a striking stamp, with a denomination of 2 schillings. The silver border is accented in green tones by the main design of the stamp that features the unique architectural style of the Salzburg broadcasting center. The Scott catalogue is 1002. These Austrian stamps would certainly make great additions to your collection.

Here's another great collecting tip from New Zealand. A special thanks to Arthur Cushen for his news about a commemorative stamp in 1992 for the birth of New Zealand broadcasting. It is one of a six stamp

set, issued on November 4, for the boom years of the 1920s. The arrival in the 20s of the wireless, reliable motor cars, the cinema and increased leisure time, combined with a post-war mood of release and optimism, created a period in New Zealand known for its love of fun and leisure activities. This 50 cent stamp commemorates the birth of broadcasting on the night of November 17, 1921, when Dr. Robert Jack, Professor of Physics at Otago University, switched on a small transmitter at his laboratory and began broadcasting music from gramophone records. The design of the stamp, in the poster art style of the period, shows an early receiver, a formally dressed radio announcer, and a portrait of New Zealand's radio pioneer, Dr. Jack.

A special thanks as well to Bryan Clark of the New Zealand Radio DX League for news about a special commemorative cover with this stamp that has been issued on behalf of the DX League. The profits are being donated to the League's Handicapped Aid Programme. For more than 10 years, HAP has operated in New Zealand under the directorship of Arthur Cushen, offering subsidized subscriptions to the DX League's magazine "NZ DX Times". Here's a great opportunity to support the Handicapped Aid Programme of the New Zealand Radio DX League, and acquire a special cover for your radio stamps collection. A single cover is available from the League for $3.00 US, or two covers for $5.00 US. Here's the mailing address: New Zealand Radio DX League, P.O. Box 3011, Auckland, New Zealand. The address again is the New Zealand Radio DX League, P.O. Box 3011, Auckland, New Zealand.

Radio listening is a lot of fun, and it can certainly be educational. Listening to shortwave radio in the classroom is another of my special interests. I'd be pleased to hear from other teachers around the world that use shortwave radio as an educational tool in their classroom. If your students listen to shortwave in the classroom, drop me a line and tell me about your programme. I'll give you my mailing address in a moment

The ***Radio Stamps*** program is sponsored by the North American Shortwave Association. The club is underwriting the costs of mailing this volunteer program to HCJB. The North American Shortwave Association has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. The club produces the monthly Journal, and ***Radio Stamps*** is featured as a quarterly column with illustrations and collecting tips for postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations and other philatelic material on the topic of radio. If you'd like to write to the club, here's the address: North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, spelled L-e-v-i-t-t-o-w-n, in Pennsylvania, or PA for short. The zip code in the United States is 19507. The address again is the North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA, 19507, U.S.A.

That's all for today. I hope to hear from you in 1993 with ***Radio Stamps*** news. I hope too that you'll write to me if you're a teacher that uses shortwave radio in your classroom. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.